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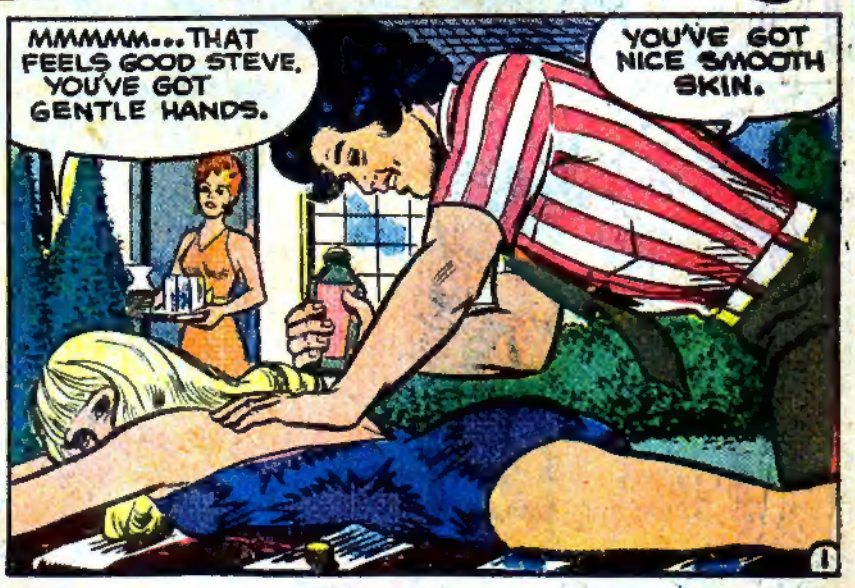
THE FIRST TIME NADIA BROUGHT STEVE HOME FOR DINNER, I WAS VERY, VERY INTERESTED.... STEVE WAS RUGGEDLY HANDSOME, WITH THICK, BLACK HAIR I WANTED TO GET MY HANDS IN....

HI, NADIA. MOM TOLD ME YOU'D BE HOME THIS WEEK-END.
SIS, I WANT YOU TO MEET YOUR FUTURE BROTHER-IN-LAW, STEVE ANDROS. STEVE, MY KID SISTER, RUTH.
SPECTACULAR LOOKS RUNS IN THE FAMILY, RUTH. HEY, DON'T GET TOO MUCH SUN ALL AT ONCE.
STOLEN KISSES



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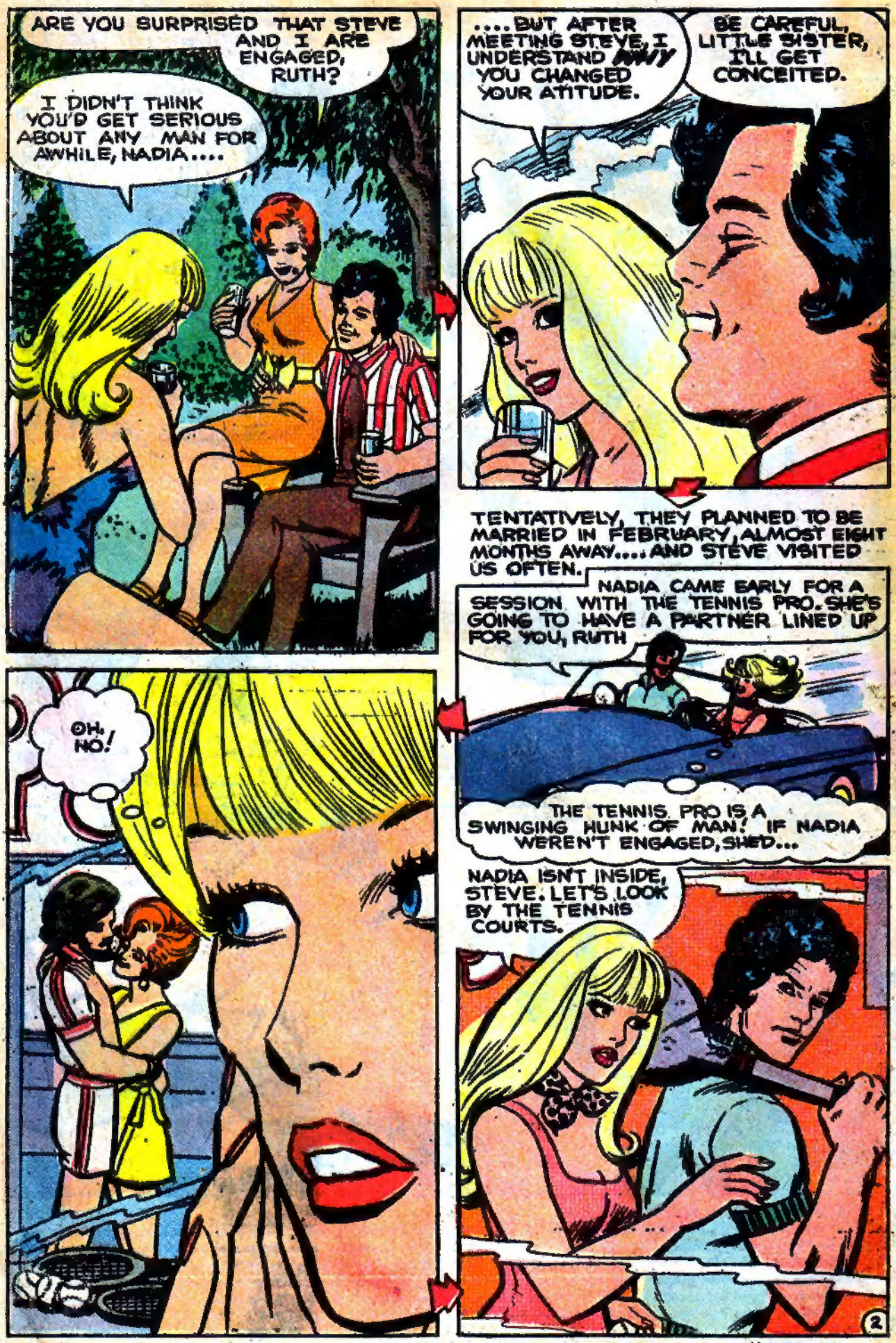
ARE YOU SURPRISED THAT STEVE AND I ARE ENGAGED, RUTH?
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D GET SERIOUS ABOUT ANY MAN FOR AWHILE, NADIA....
....BUT AFTER MEETING STEVE, I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU CHANGED YOUR ATITUDE.
BE CAREFUL, LITTLE SISTER, I'LL GET CONCEITED.
TENTATIVELY, THEY PLANNED TO BE MARRIED IN FEBRUARY, ALMOST EIGHT MONTHS AWAY....AND STEVE VISITED US OFTEN.
NADIA CAME EARLY FOR A SESSION WITH THE TENNIS PRO. SHE'S GOING TO HAVE A PARTNER LINED UP FOR YOU, RUTH
THE TENNIS PRO IS A SWINGING HUNK OF MAN! IF NADIA WEREN'T ENGAGED, SHED...
NADIA ISN'T INSIDE, STEVE. LET'S LOOK BY THE TENNIS COURTS.
OH, NO!
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HI, STEVE. DENNIS WILL BE YOUR PARTNER, RUTH....STEVE AND I WILL WHIP YOU IN STRAIGHT SETS.
HOW COULD SHE STAND LOOKING AT STEVE AFTER FLIRTING WITH TOM WOLFERT?
I'D ALWAYS LOVED NADIA BUT NOW I FOUND MYSELF BEGINNING TO HATE HER....
I CAN'T SLEEP... STEVE IS SUCH A NICE GUY AND NADIA....
NADIA IS CRYING!
NADIA, WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU MUST'VE GUESSED, RUTH. YOU SAW ME WITH TOM AT THE CLUB.
CLICK
I THOUGHT I WAS MADLY IN LOVE WITH STEVE.... BUT I'M NOT...
YOU'VE GOT TO TELL STEVE, NADIA!
I CAN'T, SIS! IT WILL BREAK HIS HEART.... I'VE GOT TO GO THROUGH WITH IT NOW!
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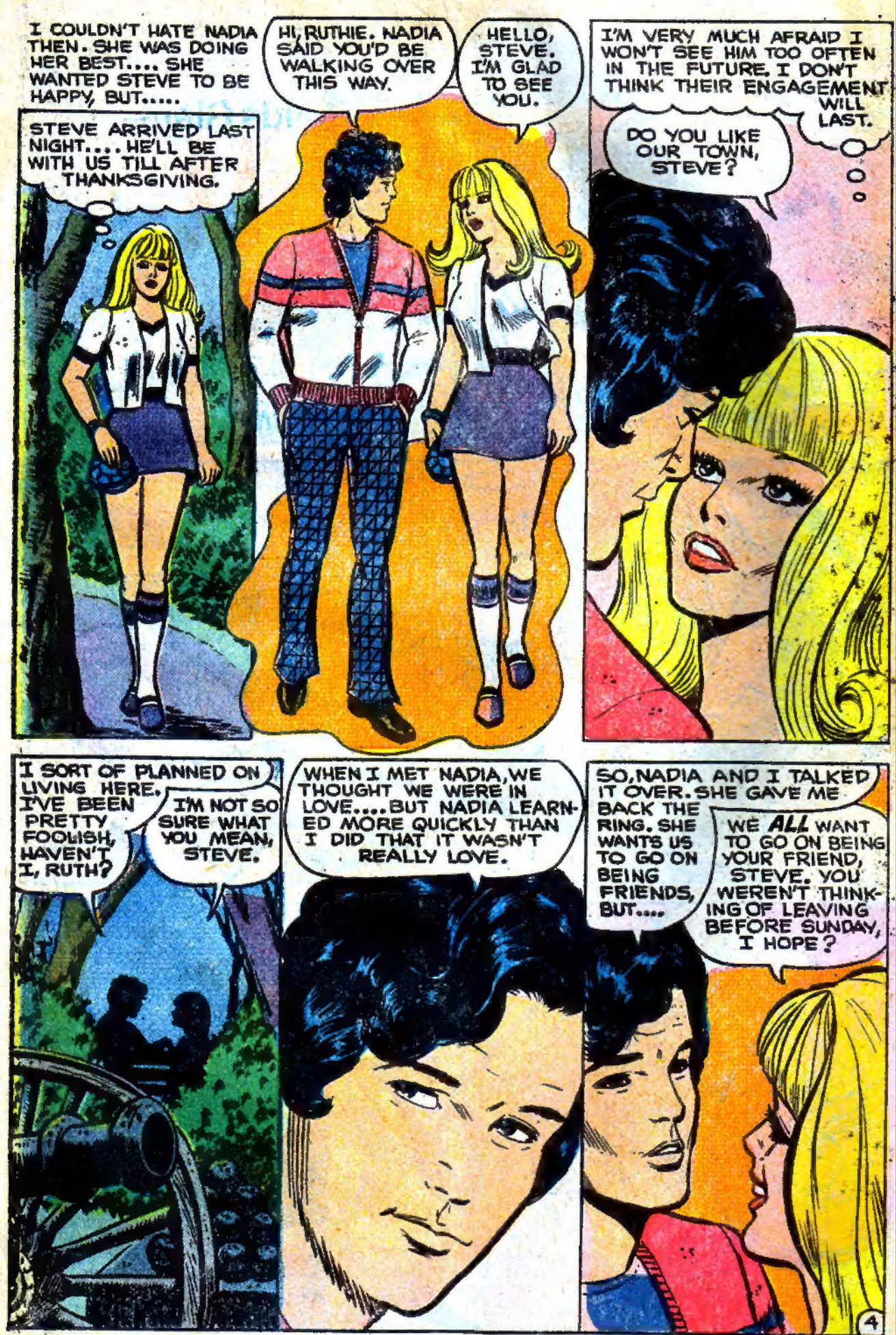
I COULDN'T HATE NADIA THEN. SHE WAS DOING HER BEST.... SHE WANTED STEVE TO BE HAPPY, BUT.....
STEVE ARRIVED LAST NIGHT.... HE'LL BE WITH US TILL AFTER THANKSGIVING.
HI, RUTHIE. NADIA SAID YOU'D BE WALKING OVER THIS WAY.
HELLO, STEVE. I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU.
I'M VERY MUCH AFRAID I WON'T SEE HIM TOO OFTEN IN THE FUTURE. I DON'T THINK THEIR ENGAGEMENT WILL LAST.
DO YOU LIKE OUR TOWN, STEVE?
I SORT OF PLANNED ON LIVING HERE. I'VE BEEN PRETTY FOOLISH, HAVEN'T I, RUTH?
I'M NOT SO SURE WHAT YOU MEAN, STEVE.
WHEN I MET NADIA, WE THOUGHT WE WERE IN LOVE.... BUT NADIA LEARNED MORE QUICKLY THAN I DID THAT IT WASN'T REALLY LOVE.
SO, NADIA AND I TALKED IT OVER. SHE GAVE ME BACK THE RING. SHE WANTS US TO GO ON BEING FRIENDS, BUT....
WE ALL WANT TO GO ON BEING YOUR FRIEND, STEVE. YOU WEREN'T THINKING OF LEAVING BEFORE SUNDAY, I HOPE?
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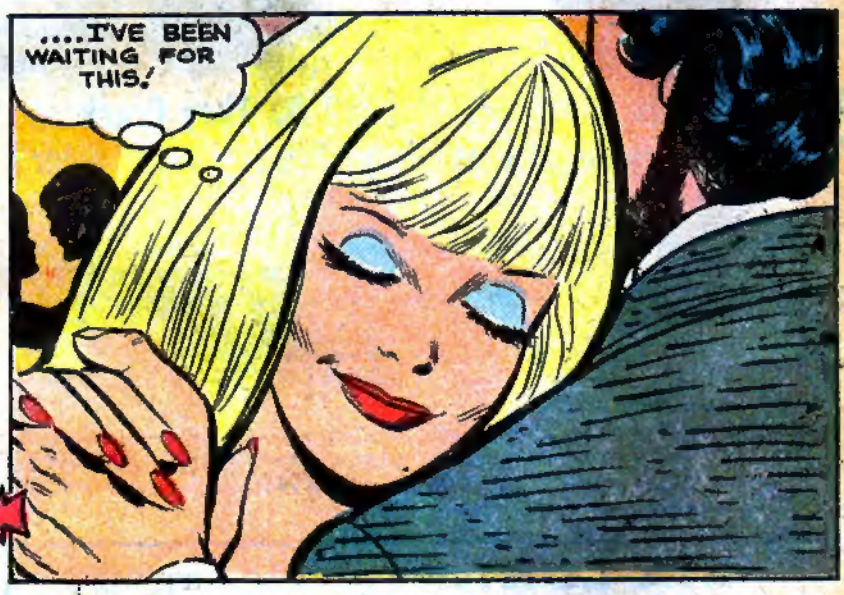
I WAS INVITED HERE BECAUSE OF NADIA. NOW....
NOW, MOM AND DAD AND I ARE ALL YOUR FRIENDS. WE WANT YOU TO STAY. WE'LL FEEL BADLY IF YOU DON'T.

STEVE FELT UNWANTED...UNTIL MOM AND DAD TALKED TO HIM, THEN HE WAS SMILING AGAIN....



IT WAS THE THANKSGIVING WEEK-END.... AND WHEN DAD SAID GRACE AT DINNER THAT THURSDAY, I ADDED MY OWN FERVENT WORD OF THANKS,
I WANT TO TOAST TWO OF THE NICEST PEOPLE I KNOW...STEVE AND MY SISTER RUTH. I HOPE I'LL ALWAYS SEE WHAT I SEE IN THEIR EYES NOW.
SHE KNOWS...
WALKING LATER IN THE AFTERNOON, HOLDING HANDS, STEVE AND I DIDN'T TALK FOR A WHILE....WE SHARED A TREMENDOUS JOY!
WHAT WILL YOUR PARENTS THINK, RUTH?
I THINK THEY KNOW.
DARLING, WHAT IF WE'RE WRONG? NADIA THOUGHT SHE AND I WERE IN LOVE....
YOU AND I AREN'T GOING TO HURRY THINGS, STEVE. WE'LL WAIT... BUT I KNOW WE'LL ALWAYS BE IN LOVE.
END

I WAS AT THE STOCK CAR RACES THE DAY IT HAPPENED... WHEN A RACE CAR HIT THE FENCE AND FLIPPED...AND REED PRYOR CLIMBED OUT OF HIS CAR TO REACH JOE MARTIN BEFORE HE BURNED TO DEATH! AS A NURSE I KNEW THE AGONY BOTH MEN WERE SUFFERING IN THE INTENSE HEAT OF THOSE FLAMES... AND I WENT DOWN TO THE TRACK TO HELP IN ANY WAY I COULD! I SAW REED COME OUT OF THE FLAMES DRAGGING HIS FRIEND...
WHO DO I LOVE??
OH, NO... THEY'RE BOTH BADLY BURNED!
THE AMBULANCE IS ON ITS WAY NOW... WE'LL GET THEM TO A HOSPITAL FAST!
NICHOLAS ALASCIA
THAT WAS A VERY BRAVE THING TO DO, MR. PRYOR...NOW, YOU GET ON THAT OTHER STRETCHER....
I'LL BE ALL RIGHT...TAKE CARE OF JOE!
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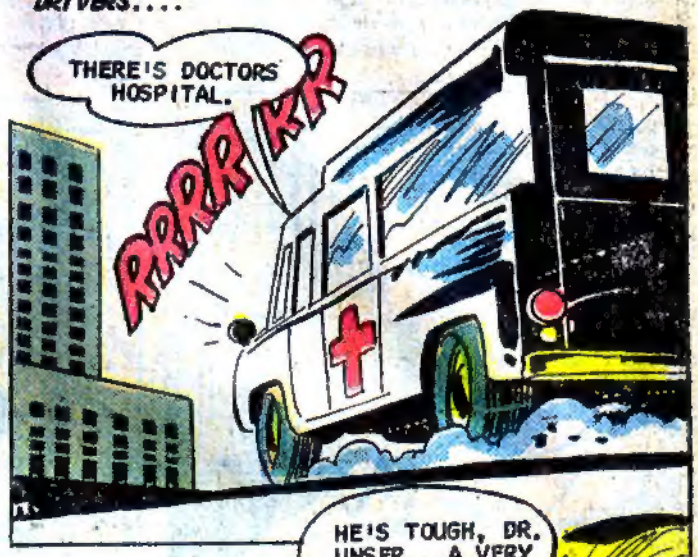
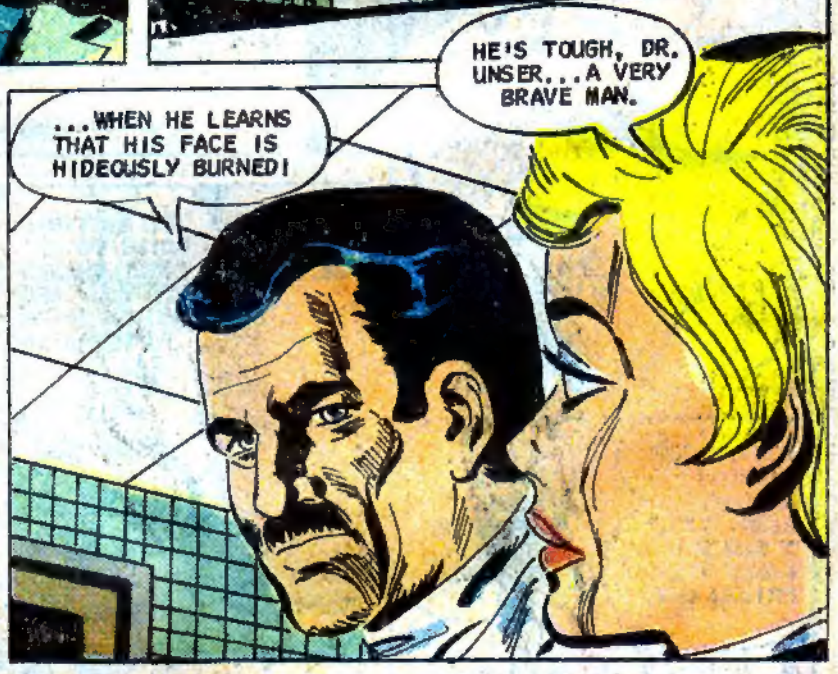
I ASKED A TRACK OFFICIAL TO TELL THE HOSPITAL SO THEY'D BE READY AND I RODE WITH THE TWO DRIVERS....





TWELVE MINUTES AFTER THE CRASH, BOTH MEN WERE RECEIVING TREATMENT FOR SHOCK.... AND MAJOR BURNS!

I STAYED WITH REED THAT NIGHT. HE HAD NO RELATIVES IN TOWN...HE OWNED A GARAGE NEAR THE TRACK WHERE OTHER RACE DRIVERS BROUGHT THEIR CARS.
THE POOR GUY...THERE WERE OTHERS NEARER TO HELP GET JOE MARTIN OUT OF HIS CAR... BUT THIS MAN DID IT!
THE SEDATIVES BEGAN WEARING OFF TOWARD MORNING. DR. UNGER HAD LEFT ORDERS FOR THIS AND I EASED HIS PAIN.
Y-YOU WERE THERE, WEREN'T YOU, OR AM I HALLUCINATING?
HOW'S JOE? IS HE....?
JOE MARTIN'S GOING TO BE FINE, THANKS TO YOU. AND YOU'RE GOING TO BE AS GOOD AS NEW AFTER A WHILE
YOU'VE GOT A GOOD MEMORY, REED. YES, I SAW YOU CARRY YOUR FRIEND OUT.
I COULD NEVER FORGET SOMEONE LIKE YOU, HONEY.
...A VERY LONG WHILE...AND A WHOLE LOT OF PAIN!
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AFTER FORTY-EIGHT HOURS, REED DIDN'T REQUIRE A 'SPECIAL' BUT I WAS BACK ON GENERAL DUTY AND I SPENT A LOT OF TIME WITH HIM.
HI. YOU MEAN I FINALLY GET TO EAT SOLID FOOD?
YOU COULDN'T CHEW BEFORE WITHOUT HURTING YOURSELF, REED.
I'VE BEEN THINKING... I'M PRETTY MESSED UP, RIGHT? HOW BAD WILL I LOOK?
DR. UNSER SAYS WHEN YOU LEAVE HERE, YOU'LL LOOK JUST FINE.
IS THAT A CON JOB OR IS IT TRUE, ELINOR?
DR. UNSER WOULDN'T LIE TO A PATIENT, REED. I BELIEVE HIM AND I THINK YOU SHOULD.
NO PARKING HOSPITAL ZONE!
REED PRYOR IS WORRYING ABOUT HOW HE'LL LOOK, DR. UNSER. I TOLD HIM WHAT YOU SAID.
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IT'S TRUE...BUT IT'LL INVOLVE SKIN GRAFTS...IT'LL TAKE TIME.
TWO DAYS LATER, I HELPED DR. UNSER CHANGE THE DRESSINGS ON HIS FACE. I'D BEEN A REGISTERED NURSE FOR TWO YEARS...I'D SEEN TERRIBLE THINGS. NOW, I HAD TO LOOK PLEASANT AND RELAXED WHILE LOOKING AT THE HIDEOUS, PARTIALLY HEALED BURNS REED PRYOR HAD SUFFERED.
HANDSOME, ELINOR?
I'VE SEEN WORSE, REED.
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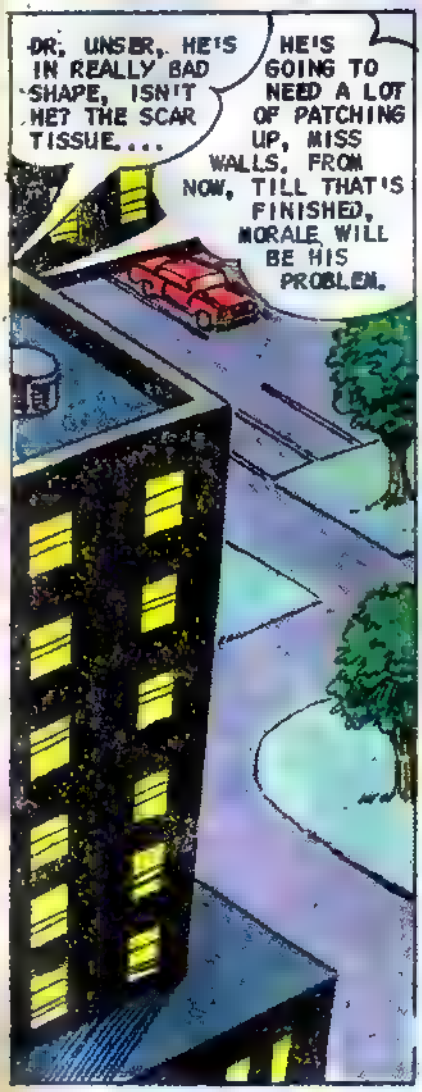
I'LL BE WITH MRS. WALHYMER, NURSE.

COME BACK AND SAY HELLO LATER, ELINOR.
I GO OFF IN THIRTY MINUTES...BUT I'LL STOP BACK THIS EVENING AND VISIT IF YOU LIKE.


DR. UNSER, HE'S IN REALLY BAD SHAPE, ISN'T HE? THE SCAR TISSUE....
HE'S GOING TO NEED A LOT OF PATCHING UP, MISS WALLS. FROM NOW, TILL THAT'S FINISHED, MORALE WILL BE HIS PROBLEM.

I LIKED BEING WITH REED. WE TALKED ABOUT HIS BUSINESS...HE'D GOTTEN A DEGREE IN BUSINESS AD-MINISTRATION BUT HIS FIRST LOVE WAS CARS....
YES, I STOPPED AT YOUR GARAGE YESTERDAY. YOUR TWO MEN WERE BOTH BUSY... THEY'VE BEEN WORKING LATE BUT GENE SAID HE'LL BE HERE TOMORROW NIGHT.

VISITING HOURS ARE OVER, ELINOR, MR. PRYOR NEEDS HIS REST.
I GUESS I'VE GOT TO GO, REED.

THREE DAYS LATER, WHEN I WAS OFF, THIS SAME NURSE, MY COTTER, WAS ON DUTY WHEN REED'S DRESSINGS WERE CHANGED AGAIN! SHE LEFT THE ROOM, AGAINST ALL ORDERS, LEFT THE ROOM BEFORE PUTTING ON FRESH DRESSINGS....
OH, NO...MY GOD! I'M A MONSTER!
HOW, WHERE DID THAT MIRROR COME FROM? MR. PRYOR, YOU'RE TRICKY, AREN'T YOU?
WHY DID THEY LIE TO ME?
WHEN I CAME ON DUTY NEXT DAY, REED DIDN'T SPEAK TO ME....
HI, REED...I THOUGHT I'D SAY HELLO BEFORE I CAME ON DU....WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU SAID I'D BE AS GOOD AS NEW BUT YOU LIED!
I'D APPRECIATE IT IF SOMEONE ELSE DOES WHAT'S NECESSARY FROM NOW ON, NURSE.
DR. UNSER TOLD ME WHAT HAD HAPPENED...MY COTTER HAD BEEN CHEWED OUT BUT THAT DIDN'T HELP REED..
...AND SHE MUST'VE LEFT THAT MIRROR WHERE PRYOR COULD SEE IT. IT WAS A STUPID, VICIOUS THING TO DO!
DR. UNSER, I HAVE TO KNOW...CAN REED REALLY BE HELPED?
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I'VE ALREADY ASKED DR. FELIX BARCOUR TO COME FROM ST. JOHNS TO PERFORM THE SKIN GRAFTS AND PLASTIC SURGERY.
HE'S THE BEST, DR. UNSER. I'LL TELL REED THAT.
I HURRIED TO REED'S ROOM BUT...
H-HE'S GONE! WHERE COULD HE HAVE GONE?
PRYOR PASSED ME. HE CAUGHT A CAB OUT FRONT.
LISTEN, FATTY, IF YOU EVER SPEAK TO ME OUTSIDE OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS, I'LL SOCK YOU IN YOUR FAT NOSE!
WHEN I GOT OFF DUTY, I DROVE TO REED'S GARAGE.... HE'D BEEN THERE, GOTTEN MONEY, AND LEFT.
HE WOULDN'T SAY WHERE HE WAS GOING.
I'VE GOT TO FIND HIM, GENE.
REED'S
HE'S GOT A SHACK UP ON CRYSTAL LAKE. TRY THERE.
TELL ME HOW TO GET THERE, I'LL DRIVE UP TOMORROW.
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THEY GAVE ME DIRECTIONS AND IN THE MORNING I FOUND REED...HE WAS HOSTILE AT FIRST BUT...
IS IT TRUE? THE BEST PLASTIC SURGEON IN THE MIDWEST? AND I'LL LOOK HUMAN AGAIN?
YES, REED...
HERE'S A PERSONAL NOTE FROM DR. UNSER, REED. READ IT...AND BELIEVE EVERY WORD!
...YOU'LL BE ALMOST THE WAY YOU WERE BEFORE, BUT WHAT PEOPLE LOOK LIKE ISN'T THAT IMPORTANT. I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE LIKE INSIDE...A PRETTY WONDERFUL PERSON!
OKAY, ELINOR.. I'LL RIDE BACK WITH YOU...AND I APOLOGIZE FOR BEHAVING THE WAY I DID.
WE LEFT HIS CAR THERE. ON THE WAY BACK, I INSISTED ON BUYING HIM A GOOD STEAK...HE ENJOYED IT IMMENSELY.
THE WAITRESS LOOKED AT YOU AS IF YOU WERE MADE UP FOR 'THE INVISIBLE MAN'. REMEMBER THAT MOVIE?
THEN, IN THE HOSPITAL, REED SOON BEGAN GETTING PREPARED FOR THE FIRST OF THE OPERATIONS....
THE FIRST BIG SKIN GRAFT TOOK...IT'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT, ELINOR.
THANK GOD!
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IT TOOK MONTHS. REED DIDN'T HAVE TO SPEND ALL HIS TIME IN THE HOSPITAL NOW AND THE DRESSINGS WERE LIGHTER. I'D GO TO THE GARAGE WITH HIM TO KEEP HIM COMPANY...
REED, WHEN THE BANDAGES DO COME OFF...WHAT IF YOU DON'T LOOK EXACTLY THE SAME.
I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT, ELINOR...
...AND I'LL LIKE IT IF YOU DO!
THEN WE HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, REED.
I WAS A NERVOUS WRECK THE DAY DR. UNSER BROUGHT REED INTO HIS OFFICE. WE REMOVED THE BANDAGES AND...HALLELUJAH!
DARLING, YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY HANDSOME!
HMMM... NOT BAD! THANKS, DOCTOR!
...AND THANK YOU, DARLING. NOW I CAN ASK...WILL YOU MARRY ME?
OH, YES... I WAS GOING TO ANYHOW, DARLING!
END

Tell Us About Yourself And You May Receive

A SURPRISE GIFT!

Dear Reader:
Will you do us a favor?
Each issue we try to bring you the best in comics. To help us do a better job, we need to know who you are and about your interests.
You will find it loads of fun to fill in your answers. It's like a game.
As our way of saying "thank you", we will send surprise gifts to 500 names drawn by chance from those who respond by March 31, 1976.
Everything you tell us is strictly confidential.

Many thanks.

The Editors

1. Do you watch TV?

Yes ☐ No ☐

2. When do you watch TV?

Afternoon ☐ Saturday Morning ☐

Evening ☐ Sunday Morning ☐

3. Which of the following TV shows have you watched within the past month?

- ☐ Hong Kong Phooey
- ☐ Speed Buggy
- ☐ Pebbles & Bamm-Bamm
- ☐ Scooby Doo
- ☐ Valley Of The Dinosaurs
- ☐ Yogi Bear
- ☐ Flintstones
- ☐ Space 1999

4. What is your favorite TV show?

_____

5. What was the exact name of the comic you found this questionnaire in?

_____

6. Where did you get this comic? (Check one)

- ☐ Supermarket
- ☐ Newsstand
- ☐ Variety chain store
- ☐ Gift shop - stationery store
- ☐ Drug store
- ☐ From a friend
- ☐ Other: _____

7. Did your parents buy it for you or did you buy it yourself? (Check one)

- ☐ I bought it
- ☐ Mother or father bought it
- ☐ Other: _____

8. How many times do you go back to the same issue of this comic and reread it?

_____

9. The time it takes me to read this comic is about:

☐ Half hour ☐ 1½ hours ☐ Over 2 hours
☐ 1 hour ☐ 2 hours

10. How many others (besides yourself) will also read this comic after you have finished reading it?

	Inside Your Household	Outside Your Household
Parents or other adults	_____	_____
Brothers or Sisters	_____	_____
Friends	_____	_____

11. Which of the following activities do you engage in? (Check as many as you do)

- ☐ Baseball
- ☐ Basketball
- ☐ Fishing
- ☐ Bicycling
- ☐ Camping
- ☐ Ice Skating
- ☐ Hunting
- ☐ Tennis
- ☐ Football
- ☐ Play a musical instrument
  Which one (s)?

_____

12. Do you send for items advertised in comics?

Yes ☐ No ☐

13a. Which of the following items have you bought within the past month? For those you bought, please state your favorite brand.

	Bought	Favorite Brand
Cola Drink	☐	_____
Root Beer	☐	_____
Non-Carbonated Beverage	☐	_____
Candy Bar	☐	_____
Regular Chewing Gum	☐	_____
Non-Sugared Chewing Gum	☐	_____

b. Which of the following snack foods have you eaten within the past month? For those you have eaten, please state your favorite brand.

	Eat	Favorite Brand
Potato Chips	☐	_____
Ice Cream	☐	_____
Cookies	☐	_____
Peanuts	☐	_____
Pretzels	☐	_____
Crackers	☐	_____
Peanut Butter	☐	_____
Packaged Cakes	☐	_____

c. Approximately how much did you spend during the past week for candy, gum, soda, or snack foods? (Either your own money or money given to you by your parents.)

$ _____

d. Do you eat cold cereal and/or hot cereal? What are your favorite brands of each?

	Eat	Favorite Brand
Cold Cereal	☐	_____
Hot Cereal	☐	_____

14. Do you wear sneakers? Yes ☐ No ☐

If "Yes", what brand do you wear? _____

15. Do you wear jeans? Yes ☐ No ☐

If "Yes", what brand do you wear? _____

16. How many cars does your family have? (Please check)

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 or more ☐ None

17. Are you a: ☐ Boy ☐ Girl

18. How old are you? _____

19a. Do you have any brothers or sisters? Yes ☐ No ☐

b. If "Yes", how old are they?

Brothers (Age) _____ _____ _____ _____
Sisters (Age) _____ _____ _____ _____

20. Do you live in a house or an apartment?

House ☐ Apartment ☐

21. What is your father's occupation?

_____ in _____
Position Kind of business

22. Does your mother work? Yes ☐ No ☐

23. How much spending money do you have each week (either from parents or earn through a part-time job)?

$ _____

24. How much did you spend for comics last week?

$ _____

We need your name and address only to know where to send your surprise gift, if you win.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

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STRANGER IN THE LAKE
THE WATER OF BEAR LAKE WAS ICE COLD WHEN I DOVE OFF THE PIER... BUT THE SHOCK OF THE COLD WATER WASN'T NEARLY AS GREAT AS WHAT I SAW AS I DOVE DEEP...LOOKING FOR THE BOAT ANCHOR FROM ONE OF DAD'S BOATS!
WHAT IN THE... HE HAS NO RIGHT BEING HERE!
YOU LOOK MAD. ANY PARTICULAR REASON?
MY FATHER OWNS THIS FISHING CAMP AND ITS SUCCESS DEPENDS ON FISH BEING IN THE WATER. YOU PROBABLY SCARED THEM OFF FOR THE SUMMER!
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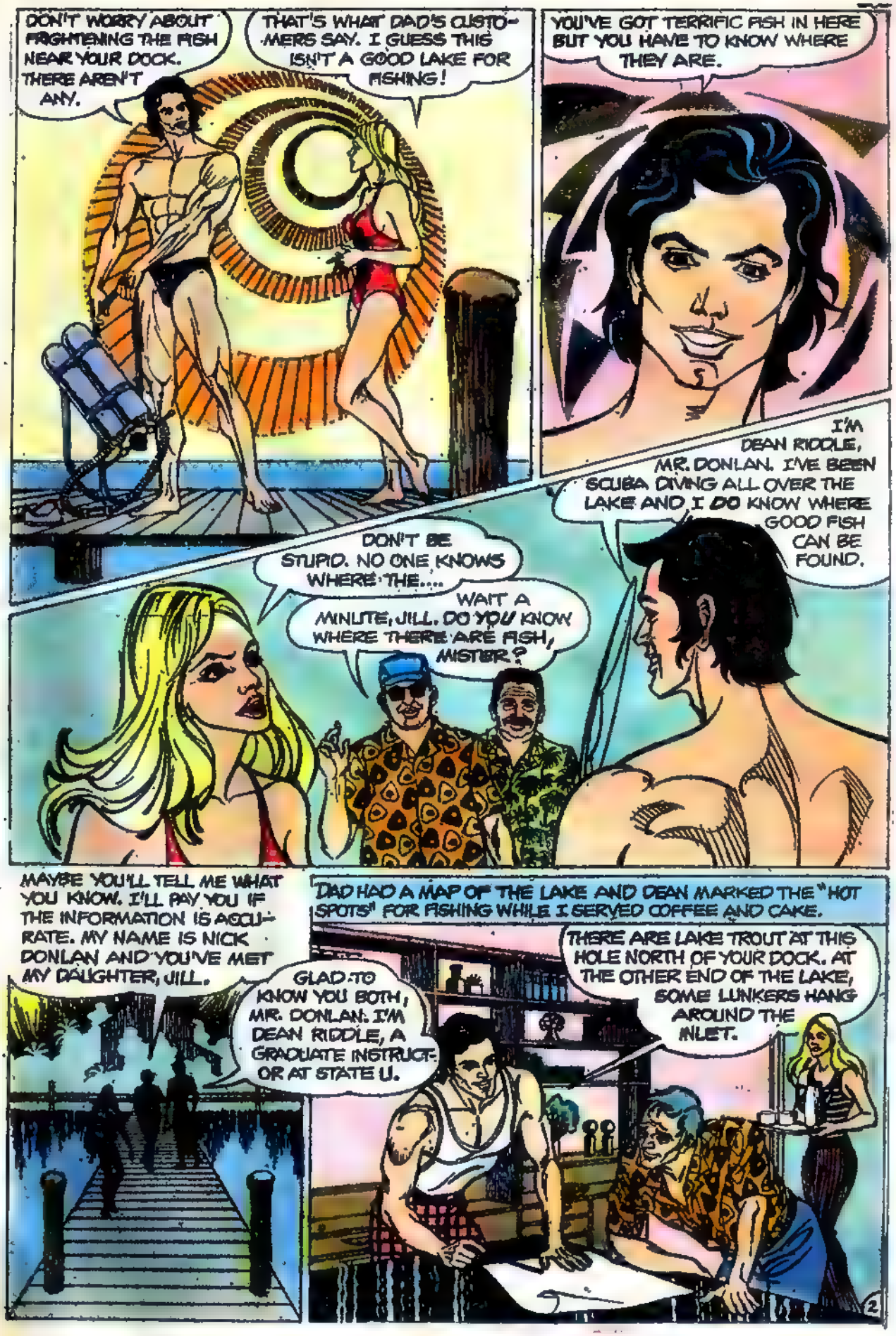
DON'T WORRY ABOUT FRIGHTENING THE FISH NEAR YOUR DOCK. THERE AREN'T ANY.
THAT'S WHAT DAD'S CUSTOMERS SAY. I GUESS THIS ISN'T A GOOD LAKE FOR FISHING!
YOU'VE GOT TERRIFIC FISH IN HERE BUT YOU HAVE TO KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.
I'M DEAN RIDDLE, MR. DONLAN. I'VE BEEN SCUBA DIVING ALL OVER THE LAKE AND I DO KNOW WHERE GOOD FISH CAN BE FOUND.
DON'T BE STUPID. NO ONE KNOWS WHERE THE....
WAIT A MINUTE, JILL. DO YOU KNOW WHERE THERE ARE FISH, MISTER?
MAYBE YOU'LL TELL ME WHAT YOU KNOW. I'LL PAY YOU IF THE INFORMATION IS ACCURATE. MY NAME IS NICK DONLAN AND YOU'VE MET MY DAUGHTER, JILL.
GLAD TO KNOW YOU BOTH, MR. DONLAN. I'M DEAN RIDDLE, A GRADUATE INSTRUCTOR AT STATE U.
DAD HAD A MAP OF THE LAKE AND DEAN MARKED THE "HOT SPOTS" FOR FISHING WHILE I SERVED COFFEE AND CAKE.
THERE ARE LAKE TROUT AT THIS HOLE NORTH OF YOUR DOCK. AT THE OTHER END OF THE LAKE, SOME LUNKERS HANG AROUND THE INLET.
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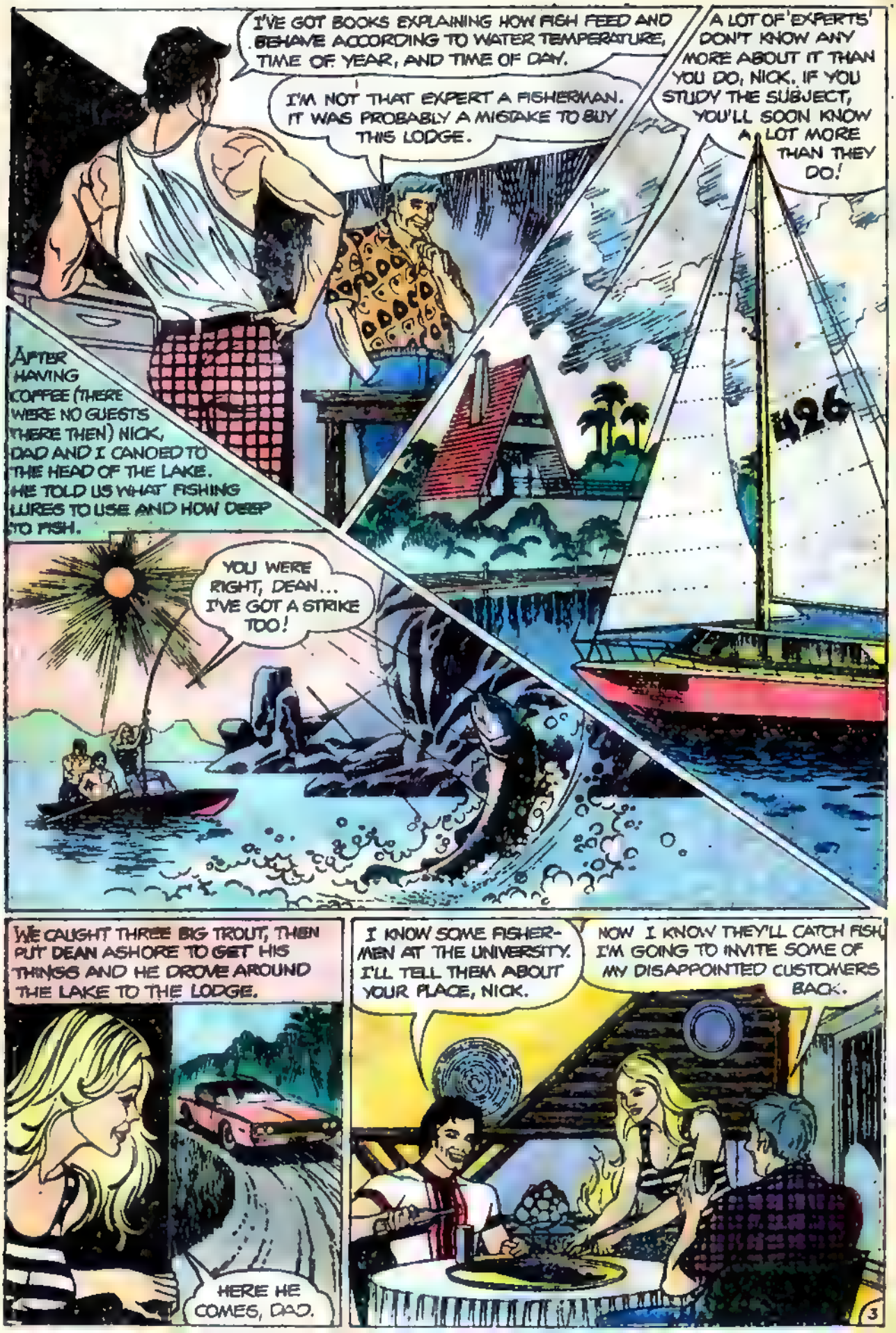
I'VE GOT BOOKS EXPLAINING HOW FISH FEED AND BEHAVE ACCORDING TO WATER TEMPERATURE, TIME OF YEAR, AND TIME OF DAY.
I'M NOT THAT EXPERT A FISHERMAN. IT WAS PROBABLY A MISTAKE TO BUY THIS LODGE.
A LOT OF 'EXPERTS' DON'T KNOW ANY MORE ABOUT IT THAN YOU DO, NICK. IF YOU STUDY THE SUBJECT, YOU'LL SOON KNOW A LOT MORE THAN THEY DO!
AFTER HAVING COFFEE (THERE WERE NO GUESTS THERE THEN) NICK, DAD AND I CANOED TO THE HEAD OF THE LAKE. HE TOLD US WHAT FISHING LURES TO USE AND HOW DEEP TO FISH.
YOU WERE RIGHT, DEAN... I'VE GOT A STRIKE TOO!
WE CAUGHT THREE BIG TROUT, THEN PUT DEAN ASHORE TO GET HIS THINGS AND HE DROVE AROUND THE LAKE TO THE LODGE.
HERE HE COMES, DAD.
I KNOW SOME FISHERMEN AT THE UNIVERSITY. I'LL TELL THEM ABOUT YOUR PLACE, NICK.
NOW I KNOW THEY'LL CATCH FISH, I'M GOING TO INVITE SOME OF MY DISAPPOINTED CUSTOMERS BACK.
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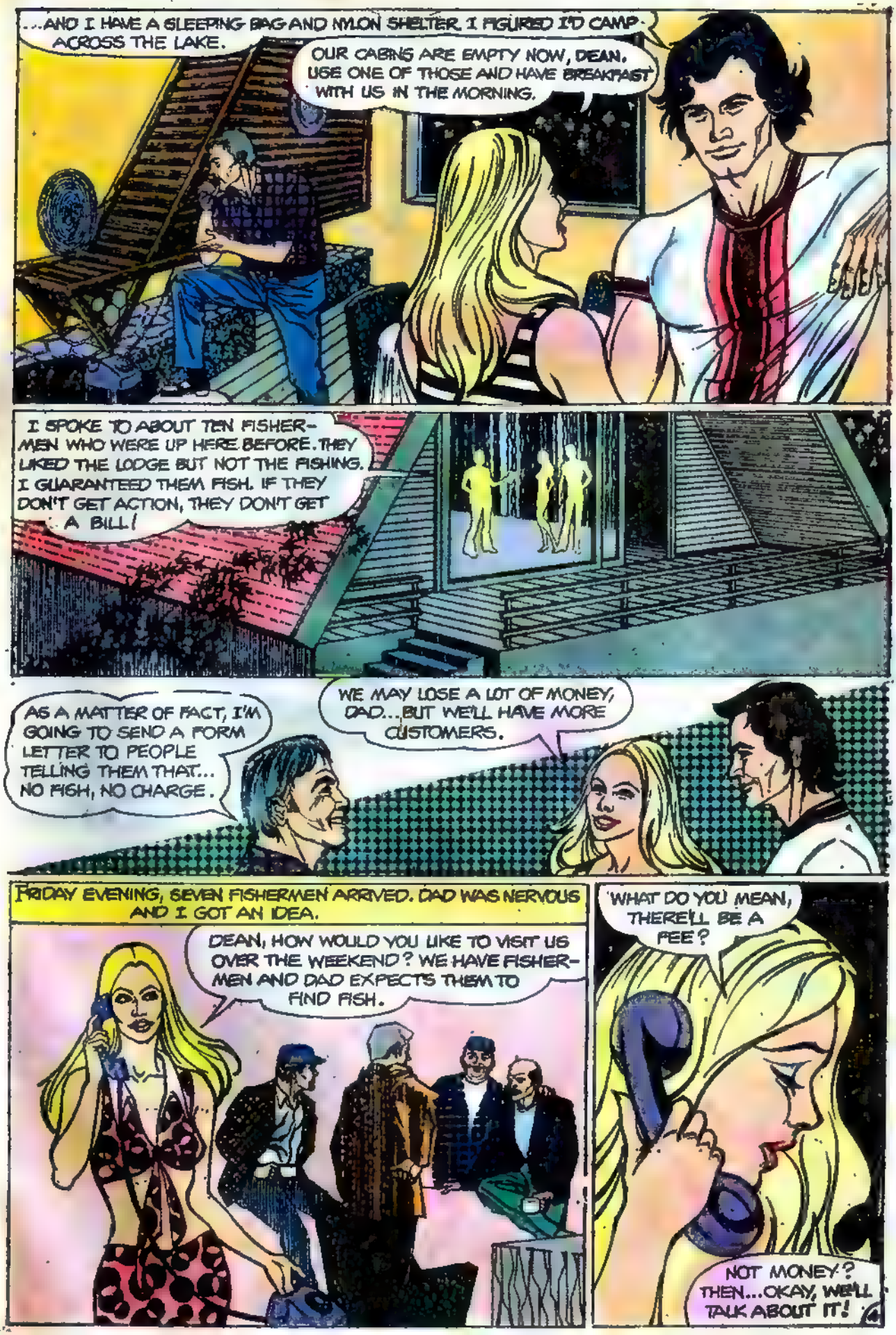
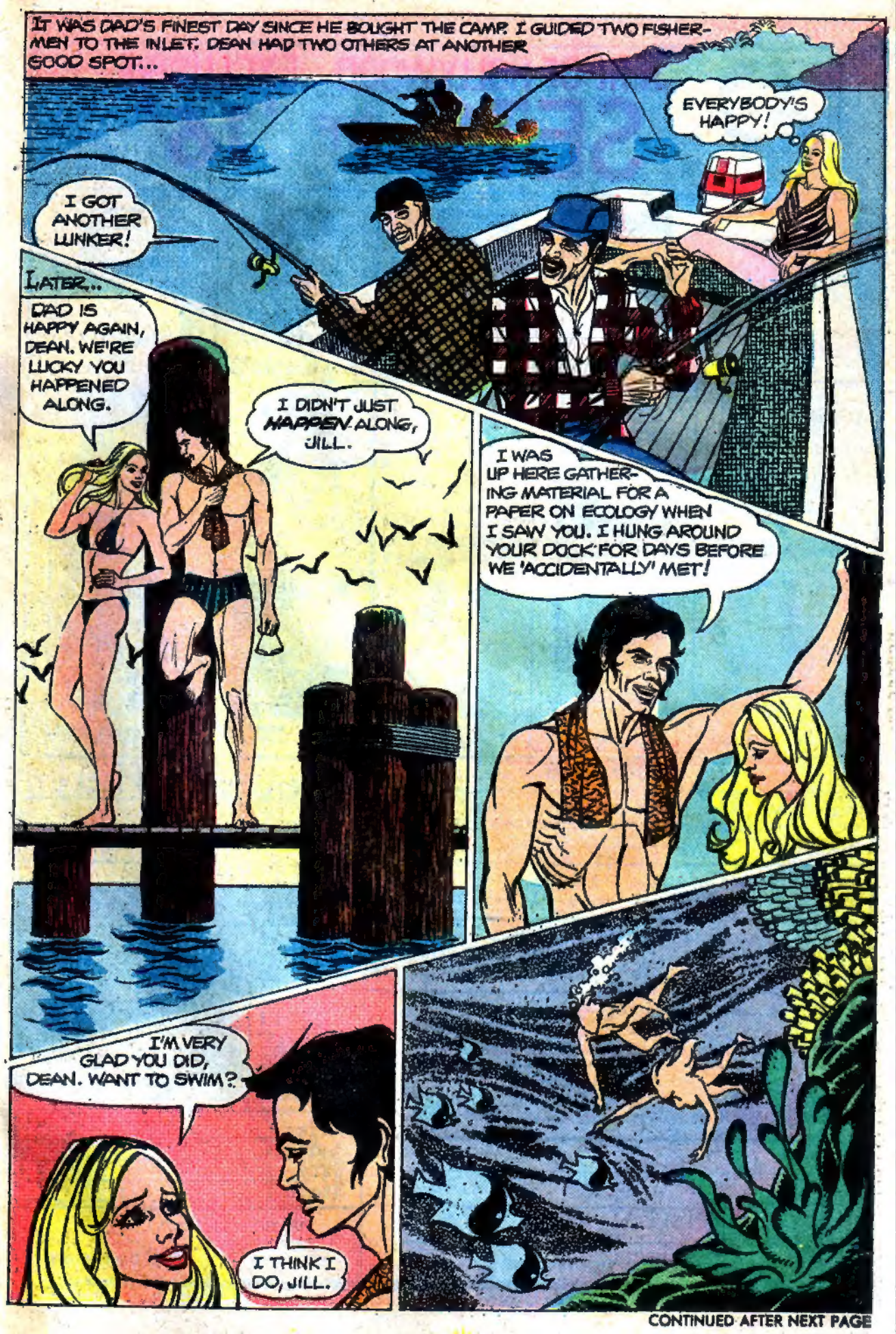

...AND I HAVE A SLEEPING BAG AND NYLON SHELTER. I FIGURED I'D CAMP ACROSS THE LAKE.
OUR CABINS ARE EMPTY NOW, DEAN. USE ONE OF THOSE AND HAVE BREAKFAST WITH US IN THE MORNING.
I SPOKE TO ABOUT TEN FISHERMEN WHO WERE UP HERE BEFORE. THEY LIKED THE LODGE BUT NOT THE FISHING. I GUARANTEED THEM FISH. IF THEY DON'T GET ACTION, THEY DON'T GET A BILL!
AS A MATTER OF FACT, I'M GOING TO SEND A FORM LETTER TO PEOPLE TELLING THEM THAT... NO FISH, NO CHARGE.
WE MAY LOSE A LOT OF MONEY, DAD...BUT WE'LL HAVE MORE CUSTOMERS.
FRIDAY EVENING, SEVEN FISHERMEN ARRIVED. DAD WAS NERVOUS AND I GOT AN IDEA.
DEAN, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT US OVER THE WEEKEND? WE HAVE FISHERMEN AND DAD EXPECTS THEM TO FIND FISH.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, THERE'LL BE A FEE?
NOT MONEY? THEN...OKAY, WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT!

DEAN ARRIVED (AN HOUR'S DRIVE, HE'D SAID) JUST AS I WAS SERVING HOTCAKES, BACON, AND SAUSAGE. AS HE ATE, HE TALKED WITH THE OTHERS ABOUT THE FISHING...
...AND NORTH OF THE DOCK, ABOUT FIFTY YARDS OUT FROM A BIG, DEAD OAK, THERE'S A HOLE WITH NICE TROUT.
ACROSS THE LAKE, IN THE SHALLOW WATER, THERE'S GOOD BASS FISHING. YOU MIGHT HIT THERE TONIGHT JUST ABOUT DARK.
I WONDER WHAT HE MEANT ABOUT A FEE?
OKAY, THEY'RE GOING TO CATCH FISH. NOW, WHAT WAS THIS FEE? I HARDLY SLEPT WONDERING ABOUT...
YOU CAN PAY IT RIGHT NOW, MISS DONLAN.
I SHOULD STOP HIM BUT...
THERE...PAID IN FULL!
IS THAT WHAT YOU MEANT?
HERE'S YOUR RECEIPT!


IT WAS DAD'S FINEST DAY SINCE HE BOUGHT THE CAMP. I GUIDED TWO FISHERMEN TO THE INLET. DEAN HAD TWO OTHERS AT ANOTHER GOOD SPOT...
I GOT ANOTHER LUNKER!
EVERYBODY'S HAPPY!
LATER...
DAD IS HAPPY AGAIN, DEAN. WE'RE LUCKY YOU HAPPENED ALONG.
I DIDN'T JUST HAPPEN ALONG, JILL.
I WAS UP HERE GATHERING MATERIAL FOR A PAPER ON ECOLOGY WHEN I SAW YOU. I HUNG AROUND YOUR DOCK FOR DAYS BEFORE WE 'ACCIDENTALLY' MET!
I'M VERY GLAD YOU DID, DEAN. WANT TO SWIM?
I THINK I DO, JILL.

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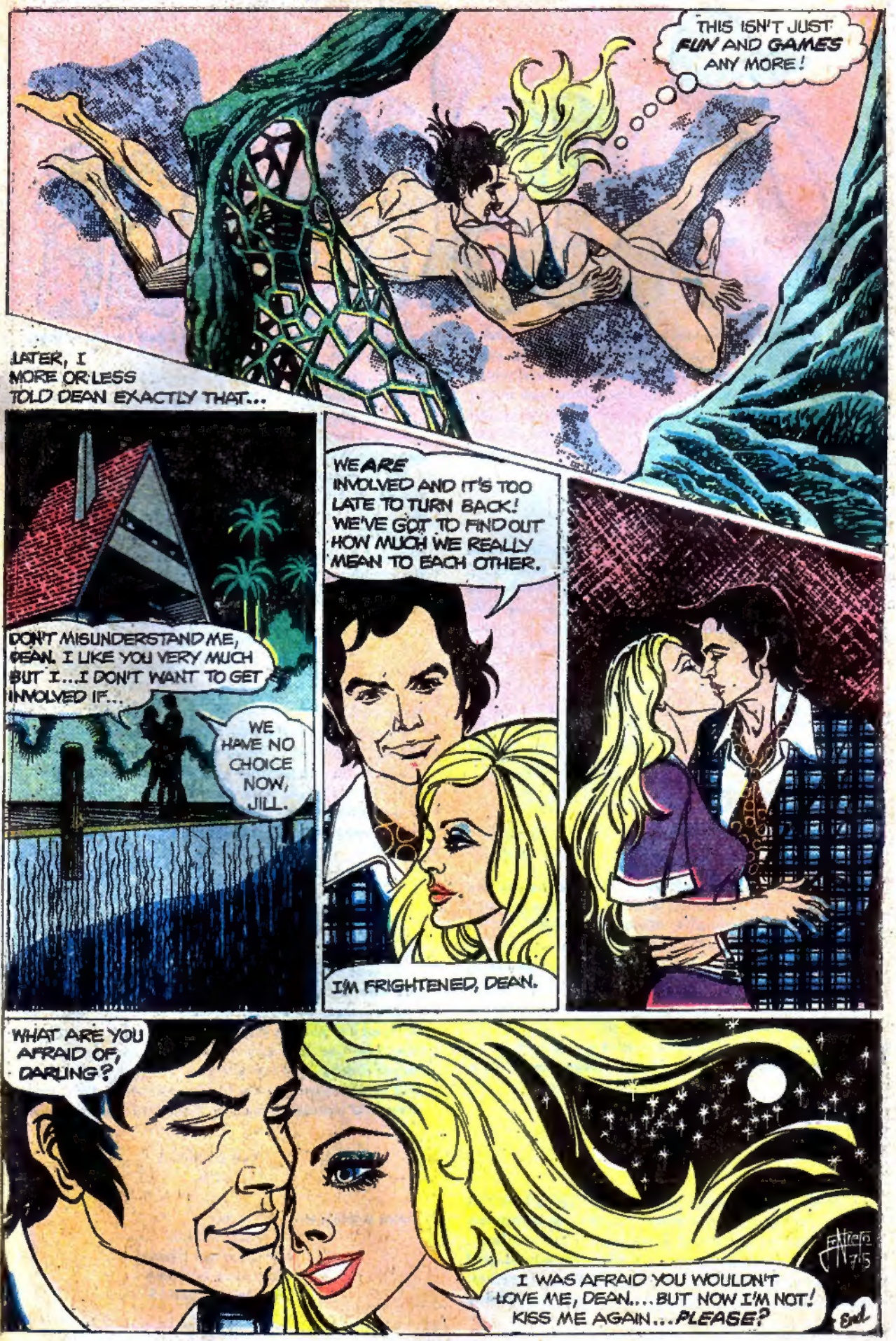
THIS ISN'T JUST FUN AND GAMES ANY MORE!
LATER, I MORE OR LESS TOLD DEAN EXACTLY THAT...
DON'T MISUNDERSTAND ME, DEAN. I LIKE YOU VERY MUCH BUT I...I DON'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED IF...
WE HAVE NO CHOICE NOW, JILL.
WE ARE INVOLVED AND IT'S TOO LATE TO TURN BACK! WE'VE GOT TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH WE REALLY MEAN TO EACH OTHER.
I'M FRIGHTENED, DEAN.
WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF, DARLING?
I WAS AFRAID YOU WOULDN'T LOVE ME, DEAN... BUT NOW I'M NOT! KISS ME AGAIN...PLEASE?
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Buck's bag

Buck Mason is a specialist in teen-age problems who will be writing for this publication. He has had a wide range of experience with young people, and welcomes the chance to help you with any problems you might have. Just write him a letter, stating your situation clearly and briefly, and be sure to include all important facts. Names will be withheld in all cases, and there cannot be any personal replies.

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Dear Buck:

I went to Florida for a vacation with my parents and my brother. I met a boy down there who I'll call Al. He's eighteen years old and I'm thirteen. I really like him, but my mother doesn't want me to see him anymore. They're also not going to Florida anymore (my parents, that is), and since we live in Michigan, it's going to be hard for me to get to see Al. I do have another boyfriend, Paul, but he's nineteen and in the Navy. He also has another girlfriend. What I want to know is how do I get to be with these guys? I miss them a lot and I get bored here in this town. What can I do?

Signed,
Misses Them

Dear Misses:

I'm going to suggest that you find someone you like in your town or one nearby, and make it someone who is closer in age to you, also. Although an age gap such as yours may not matter much when you're older, it does matter quite a bit now. There are places you can't go, things you can't do, and physical distances between you and the people you want to be with that you can't bridge. Later these problems will iron themselves out, but for now you're going to have to accept them as they are, and find someone nearer your age.

Yours truly,
Buck

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Dear Buck:

I am seventeen years old and I am deaf. I love this boy I'll call Jim. He's fifteen. The problem is that my father doesn't approve of Jim because Jim can hear. My father wants me to go out with a boy who is deaf like me. Jim and I have such good times together, though. I don't want to get my father angry by putting up a fuss, but I really love Jim and don't want to break up with him. Any suggestions?

Signed,
Hoping For An Answer

Dear Hoping:

Try to reason with your father. Indicate how much you enjoy Jim's company, and ask him to judge Jim by his personality and not by his physical abilities or disabilities. Your father may disapprove of Jim because he thinks that Jim can't understand some of the problems you may face, but if you prove to him that Jim really cares about you, I'm sure he'll give in.

Yours truly,
Buck

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Dear Buck:

I had a girlfriend whom I really loved. We were both fifteen. We used to have fun together, but then she dropped me for another guy just because I missed a few dates. I forgot once and went out with the guys, and another time I was sick. I don't think she should have dropped me just because of that. What do you think?

Signed,
Not Happy At All

Dear Not:

If I was in her shoes, I probably would have dropped you also. By missing those dates and standing her up (which was, in effect, exactly what you did), you showed her plainly that you didn't really care all that much for her. If a boy truly likes a girl, he will not forget a date. The same is true for a girl. So shape up, and resolve firmly never to forget another date, or you may find yourself spending Saturday nights alone.

Yours truly,
Buck

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